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REMARKS

Claims 20-30 and 32-55 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 20-26 and 32-39, drawn to an apparatus for providing a substrate with viscous medium, classified in Class 118, subclass 712;

Group II, claims 27-30 and 40-46, drawn to an apparatus for correcting application errors in connection with the application of viscous medium on a substrate prior to hardening of the viscous medium, classified in Class 29, subclass 402.01; and

Group III, claims 47-50 and 51-55, drawn to an apparatus for correcting application errors in connection with the application of viscous medium on a substrate prior to mounting of components on the substrate, classified in Class 29, subclass 402.08.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 20-26 and 32-39.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis (Reg. No. 43,368) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

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any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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